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Swedan has replied to Germanys Note on her admission to the League that her entry must be made un-conditionally on the same terms as any other state.

In preparation for an International Conference on Passport formalities, the Secretariat is about to address a questionnaire to all Governments on the system in force in their countries.

The Permanent Advisory Committee on armaments met on Thursday to draw up detailed proposals for submission to the 6th Council on the methods to be followed by the Committees for the control of armaments in ex-enemies countries.

The Financial Committees met on February 6th to examine the progress of reconstruction in Austria and Hungrary. Roumania has declared in reply to the League's request that Member-States should not exceed last year's Budget expenditure on armaments, and that her geographical position and the present political situation obliged her to take all necessary measures to assure Her national safety.

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